

THE

Night-Bell-Man

OF



PICKADILLY

TO THE

Princess of Denmark.

*Welcome great Princess to this lovely Place
Where injur'd Loyalty must hide its Face;
Whose praise each day by every Man is sung,
And in the Night by me shall e'er be rung.*

*God bless your Queen, and yet I may moreover
Own you our Queen in Berkly-street and Dover.
May your great Prince and you live numerous years,
That's the Subject of all our Loyal Prayers.*

*My Lord Nottingham's Orders to Mr. Dieves late Clerk of the Council, upon notice of the
aforesaid Verses.*

YOU are to take a Messenger with you, and find out the Dwelling-house of the Bell-man of *Pickadilly*, and when you meet with him, search his Fur Pocket, his Night-gown, and above all his Bell, exactly; and what-ever Verses or Copies of this, or any other Verse you find, seal them up very safely, and bring them to me.

You are strictly to examine him, Whether he be the true Author of them? Or, who was that that made, and gave them to him, and who ordered him to sing or say them, what reward he got for so doing.

You are also to enquire of him, Whether he hath ever heard of my Letter, by the Queen's Commands, to the Mayor and Aldermen of the *Bath*, upon another Subject, though of the same Nature.

You are to demand of him (if he confesseth it) how he durst presume do That so near Court, which the Mayor and Aldermen of the *Bath* were forbid to do at so great a distance.

You are privately to acquaint him (if he saith he never heard of it) with the true Reason of her Majesties displeasure with the Princess. which I herewith give you in writing.

You are to charge him, upon pain of her Majesty's high displeasure, and the forfeiture of his Employment, that he do not presume for the future to sing any Verses, or say any words about those Streets of the same Nature, without our License first obtained.

You are to charge him not to pay that Ceremony to the Princess, in his Night-walks, which he usually does to the rest of her Majesties Subjects, that are not under her Majesties displeasure.

You are to charge him to take care that Thieves and Robbers be apprehended; but that that part of his duty to the Princess; for since her Guards are taken off, she is neither regarded by day, nor secured by Night.

You are to acquaint him, that her Majesties displeasure is so great against the Princess, that the Government designs to stop her Revenue, and by that means to starve her (as well as any other *Jacobites*) into an humble submission to the Government.

You are from him to go to Dr. *Birch*, and charge him, as he will answer it before his face at *Lambeth*, not to introduce *New Ceremonies* of bowing in time of Divine Service, it being contrary to his own Education, the Example and Tradition of his Fathers; especially when his Superiours are so busie about abolishing the Old Ones; warning him particularly to keep close to his Text, and his Text close to himself, and that he permit no other to handle the same.

And, lastly, you are to acquaint both the Bellman and Parson, that her Majesty expects perfect compliance herein, as a publick mark of their Duty: But as for the Waytes, Fiddlers, and others, Orders shall be sent to Mr. *Killigrew* about them.

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